

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, prenumbered line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture (mixture [[A]] G) having 94.6 parts of a cyano type nematic liquid crystal (BL-009, manufactured by Merck), 2.4 parts of a chiral agent (a mixture of S-811, manufactured by Merck and C15 manufactured by Merck in a weight ratio of 1:1), 2.5 parts of a curable compound of the formula (4) having a molecular weight of 382, 0.5 part of an urethane acrylate oligomer (EB-270, manufactured by UCB) having a molecular weight of at least 1500 and 0.09 part of benzoin isopropyl ether, was prepared.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, prenumbered line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This mixture [[A]] G was injected into a liquid crystal cell prepared by bonding a pair of substrates having thin polyimide films formed on transparent electrodes and rubbed in one direction, so that the rubbing directions crossed each other, via a very small amount of resin beads having a diameter of 13 μm , by an epoxy resin printed in a width of about 1 mm along the four sides.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, prenumbered line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Mixture [[A]] G prepared in Example 8 was injected into the same liquid crystal cell as in Example 8, and while maintaining it at 25°C, ultraviolet rays were irradiated for 3 minutes in the same manner as in Example 8 to obtain a liquid crystal optical element.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical or clerical error. The mixture identified as mixture A in Examples 8 and 10 is correctly identified as mixture G. Applicants submit that the amendment to correct the typographical or clerical errors is supported by the priority document JP 10-298620 wherein present Examples 8-11 are disclosed. As further support, Applicants point out that mixture A is correctly defined in Example 1 on page 17 of the original specification as one “comprising 95 parts of a cyano type nematic liquid crystal (BL-006, manufactured by Merck, dielectric anisotropy: positive), 5 parts of an uncured curable compound of the formula (4) and 0.15 part of benzoin isopropyl ether.” This obviously does not agree with the mixture A in Example 8 which is described as a mixture “having 94.6 parts of a cyano type nematic liquid crystal (BL-009, manufactured by Merck), 2.4 parts of a chiral agent (a mixture of S-811, manufactured by Merck and C15 manufactured by Merck in a weight ratio of 1:1), 2.5 parts of a curable compound of the formula (4) having a molecular weight of 382, 0.5 part of an urethane acrylate oligomer (EB-270, manufactured by UCB) having a molecular weight of at least 1500 and 0.09 part of benzoin isopropyl ether”.

Applicants further submit that those of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize that this is a typographical error because the mixtures in each of Examples 1-7 are labeled mixture A through F and the mixture of Example 12 is identified as mixture H.

Therefore, Applicants submit that those of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize that identification of the mixture in Examples 8 and 10 as mixture A is not correct in view of (i) the differences in the description of mixture A in Examples 1 and 8, (ii) the logical numerical and alphabetical identification of the mixtures, and (iii) the priority document which explicitly discloses Examples 8-11.

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No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

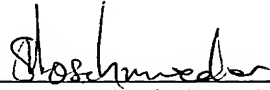
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